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1. THE EMBASSY IS INFORMED THROUGH RELIABLE SOURCES THAT A NUMBER OF RESPECTABLE FIRMS HAVE APPLIED FOR GOM TENDER SUBMITTED PER REF B. THESE INCLUDE PYE-TMC (ENGLISH-DUTCH), STANDARD TELEPHONES AND CABLES (ENGLISH), GEC (ENGLISH), CIT (FRANCE), ITT(ITALIAN), SEIMENS (GERMAN), ERICKSON(SWEDISH), IKI(JAPANESE), AND NIPPON ELECTRIC(JAPANESE). IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT MOST FIRMS TENDERING ARE WILLING TO INVEST (SET UP SUBSIDARY) IN MALTA AS INCENTIVE TO GOM.

2. THE PRESENT TELEPHONE NETWORK IN MALTA IS BASED IN THE STRUGER SYSTEM DEVELOPED BY STANDARD TELEPHONE AND CABLES. THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR TENDER HAVE BEEN DRAWN UP BY FRENCH CONSULTANTS (NET) AND ARE SLANTED TOWARD THE FRENCH SYSTEM E.10, WHICH IS STILL IN EXPERIMENTAL PHASE IN FRANCE. COST OF TENDER BELIEVED TO BE ABOUT EIGHT MILLION MALTESE POUNDS SPREAD OVER 1974-1980 AND INCLUDES SWITCHING SYSTEMS AND MAIN DISTRIBUTION CABLE (I.E., CABLE FROM EXCHANGE TO CABINETS). NO UNCLASSIFIED

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